GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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SURVEY REGARDING DEMAND OF FOODGRAINS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding demand and supply of foodgrains in the country during the last three years and the current year;

(b) whether any survey has been conducted by the Union Government to ascertain the demand for foodgrains in various States;

(c) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(d) reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The details regarding demand and supply of foodgrains (rice, wheat and pulses) in the country during the last three years are annexed.

(b), (c) & (d): National Sample Survey Organization (NSSO) conducts periodical survey to assess the consumption pattern of various goods and services in India. The latest survey i.e. 61st round of the survey conducted by them covered the period from July 2004 to June 2005. The details of the monthly per capita consumption of food grains (constituting cereals and pulses) derived from the aforesaid NSSO survey report (Report No. 508 (61/1.0/1) are given below:

Monthly per capita consumption	Rural		Urban	
	BPL	APL	BPL	APL
Quantity (Kg)	11.61	13.26	10.52	10.80

In the assessment of annual requirement of foodgrains for TPDS, findings of the survey are also kept in view.